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SUBJ: PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE SPORTS PROGRAM--BASKETBALL

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1. POST AND AFGHAN OLYMPIC FEDERATION (AOF) INTERESTED IN U OF TENNESSEE TEAM DURING JESHYN (JULY 17-20) BUT INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION STILL A PROBLEM. AOF WILL PROVIDE LODGING/FOOD IN LOCAL HOTEL AND ARRANGE COMPETITIONS. ARIANA AIRLINE COULD GIVE 50 PERCENT DISCOUNT ON ROME-KABUL RT FARE. SUGGEST P-TO-P SPORTS COMMITTEE (PPSC) INVESTIGATE OBTAINING ADDITIONAL US FUNDING SUPPORT TO GET TEAM HERE FROM ROME.

2. ALTERNATIVELY, APPEARS VISIT OF BASKETBALL TEAM TO KABUL AT LATER DATE, POSSIBLY AS PART OF REGIONAL TOUR, WOULD BE EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL. IS THIS A POSSIBILITY WITH PPSC FUNDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AS PER MILTON'S ORIGINAL OFFER?

3. AOF PRESIDENT SHOWED EMBOFFS MILTON LETTER TO AOF OFFERING TO PROGRAM AFGHAN BASKETBALL TEAM IN U.S. FOR 7-10 DAYS IN NOVEMBER. AGAIN ARIANA COULD PROVIDE 50 PERCENT RT AIRFARE KABUL TO ROME, LONDON OR PARIS, BUT AOF WOULD NEED ASSISTANCE TO COVER REST OF INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE. SUGGEST PPSC CONTACT PANAM OR OTHER AMERICAN CARRIER, EXPLORE OTHER SOURCES RE TRANS-ATLANTIC TRANSPORTATION. IN ALL TRAVEL CALCULATIONS, KEEP IN MIND ARIANA/PANAM COMBINATION EXCURSION FARE OF DOLS 762 RT NY-KABUL.

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